

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the present application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species I, claims 1-6, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to an overheat protection circuit for lowering the reference voltage.

Species II, claims 7-10, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to an overheat protection circuit for cutting off a supply line of an input voltage.

In response to the Examiner's indication that Applicant must elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits, Applicant hereby elects Species I, claims 1-6, without traverse. Applicant also reserves the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Demetra R. Smith-Stewart (Reg. No. 47,354), to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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